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Party at The Works

by B.J. Anderson

For the second year in a row, O.R. graduating seniors will be attending a Project Graduation party.

Project Graduation began six years ago in Maine as a way to allow seniors a chemical-free graduation night.

This year's OR committee is chaired by Mrs. Jane Pokoski. The whole committee consists of about twelve concerned parents, ten senior parents and two junior parents.

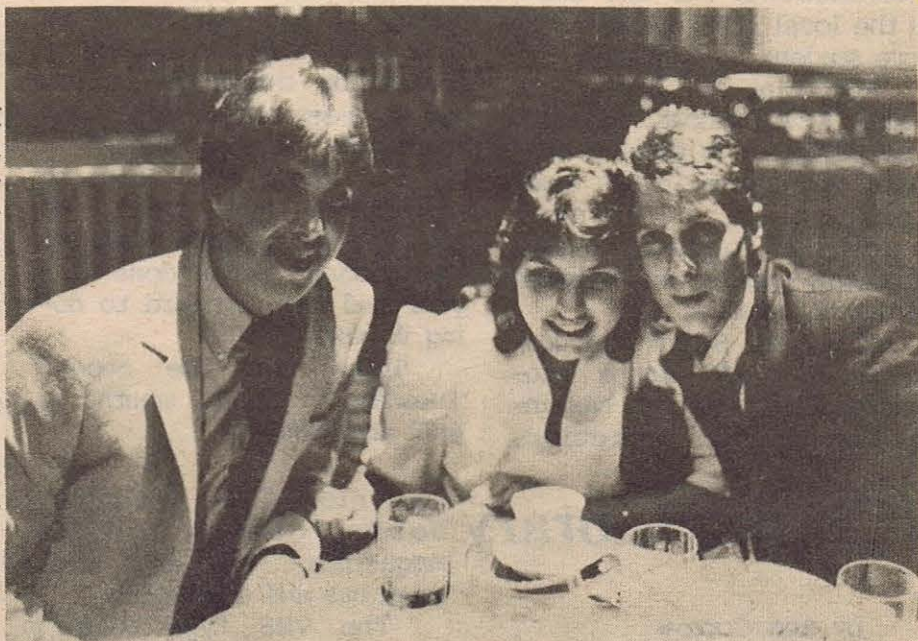
Other local schools put on project graduation parties. Dover, as well as Rochester, went on the Viking cruise out of Portsmouth.

According to principal

Dick Rothenberg of Dover, "I feel that it is important that the school supports the concerned citizens group, without it the parents are out on their own." He explained that the school isn't in charge of the party but the community is.

Somersworth, as O.R. did last year, cruised on the Mt. Washington, according to Assistant Principal Paul Maskwa.

OR's party will be held at the Works in Somersworth. It will consist of an evening of racquetball, swimming, dancing, eating, and all-around fun. The party will last from 10PM to 4AM Friday night, after which the graduates will come back to Durham for breakfast. 🐾



OR Shines In Toronto

by Dave Taylor

Light fades inside the planetarium dome as an audience of twenty five watch our sun begin to set. They soon hear the first notes of Pachelbel's Kannon.

As the music builds and the sun nears the horizon, narrator Morgan Brown begins, "Twilight, Nature's way of adjusting our eyes from the bright, harsh, exposing sun to the cool, dark shadows of night, where dreams linger. White hot light softens and turns yellow. Rays from the lowering sun now reach only the tops of the tallest trees, casting the rest of the world in a growing shadow. Mortal man is deaf to the symbolic whisperings, sights and sounds filling the dusky air. He is blind to the fairies, leprechauns, unicorns, nymphs and gnomes, peeking around stalks of milk-weed and sappling trunks as they wait for the shadows to grow just a little darker."

One of the highlights of the Planetarium Association of Canada (PAC) Conference '85 were the "kids from

Oyster," as conference host Tom Clarke put it. The five day conference was held at the Royal Ontario Museum's McLaughlin in Toronto, Ontario.

Oyster River High School Planetarium and the United States were represented by nine students and three adults, among the other 97 delegates from around the world.

OR people attending the conference were chaperones Eleanor Milliken, Barbara Carr, Sue Hamelia; Seniors Melanie Amarosa, David Taylor, Roberta Gudaitis, continued on page 12

New Leaders

by Ben Corrow

Oyster River High School held its annual class officer elections, last Friday, June 7.

Thomas McDonough won the contest for the spot of School Board Representative. Both Steve West and Lynn Shapiro were both defeated.

In the Student Council races, Beth Fuller was chosen as next year's president and the Vice President will be Kevin Pearsal. The positions of treasurer and secretary are to be filled by Lisa Simmons and Jim Gwinn.

The new senior class president Mary Kleine defeated incumbent Jessica Gilsdorf. Krisanne Bothner was re-elected Vice President and Sarah Chorlian became the secretary while Mark Austin is now the treasurer. Bob Hughes and Sheri Hardy will be the new SC Representatives next year.

In the Junior Class races, Molly Hodgson and Sarah Goding took the President

and Vice President positions respectively. The job of treasurer fell to Stephanie Marshall and the SC representatives will be Joy Coleman and Julie Wyrick.

The class of '88 elected Seth Taube president, Julie Roy Vice President, Rich Martin treasurer, Jennifer Stevens secretary, and Brook Taube and Melissa Goding to the SC.

ORHS saw something new this election. McDonough delivered a speech with the help of voo-doo dolls of his opponents. The school then watched these dolls ripped to shreds.

Substitute Teacher Mr. Kolbjornson stated, "I deplore his method. It sounded more like a hoopla than a political speech."

Sophomore Jeff Erbstein commented, "Most of the speeches were dull and uninteresting, but his was powerful and got people aroused and that's why he won."

The incoming freshmen will elect their class officers next year. 🐾

New Rules?

by JP Glutting

The Faculty Advisory Council has proposed that grades be more closely linked to attendance.

According to Principal Geoffrey Jones, under this new proposal if a student is absent more than five days in a quarter, for any reason, they will fail for the quarter. Three late arrivals will equal one absence.

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SCAN Excels

by Eric Horne

SCAN, Oyster River High School's student produced monthly magazine is looking ahead to next year.

According to SCAN's advisor Mr. Paul Gasowski some changes for next year may include, a different format, advertisements for the show on the local MTV station, and more student involvement.

According to Junior Pat Keefe, SCAN's host, the purpose of SCAN is to give students experience in TV communication, to convey students' opinions and interests, and to give a view of the community.

This year SCAN has produced nine 30 minute programs. Their content has included, student reaction,

sports, features, and personal profiles.

Currently, SCAN is made up of six students, Seniors J.P. Glutting, Andrew Deal, and Indra Gleske, and Juniors Pat Keefe, Bryan Mussulman, and David Swift.

Mussulman said, "I think SCAN has improved technically, we've become better (videographers) with practice. In general, the quality is getting better and we have more ideas to work with." He also added, "I hope to do SCAN next year. There are a lot of interesting things to see. It's fun to meet other people and work with the equipment."

Pat Keefe also hopes to participate next year. He said, "I've enjoyed most of the stories we've done this year and look forward to doing it next year."

SCAN airs the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 and 7:00PM.



VCR for Library

by Ben Corrow

The new Panasonic videocassette recorder being pushed around Oyster River High School was purchased through the Bruce Smith Fund last fall.

The fund has been used to purchase educational materials not normally bought through the school budget and "to enrich the normal high school library," according to Librarian Barbara Broderick. These resources include

encyclopedias, reference books, charts, globes, magazines, TV and radio programs and equipment.

The VHS type VCR is rated very well by Consumer Reports and is a good investment, according to Mrs. Broderick. She went on to say, "We wanted the best we could get."

The fund was named after Bruce Eric Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Smith. In 1963 Smith died in a tractor accident. On September 8, 1965, the School Board created the fund and the library was named The Bruce Smith Memorial Library.

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The proposal still needs the approval of the School Board, and according to science teacher Charles Perry, it will probably not be implemented for several years, if at all.

Failure for the quarter will result, "If they (the students) are absent, excused or otherwise," said Perry, who is a member of the FAC.

There will be a provision for appeals to Mr. Jones in case of extended illness.

According to Perry, attendance in class is essential for learning, and poor attendance should result in failure.

"What he is talking about is an attitudinal change," said Senior John Chorlian. "And I think there does have to be an attitudinal change."

Other students were not so sympathetic. Senior Kristin Federer thought some students did not need to attend all of their classes.

"It's dumb," said Senior Chris Glawe. "If they have an excuse, they shouldn't fail."

In other business, the FAC is also working on developing a plagiarism policy, changing the awards structure, and making the school calendar more accessible.

Speakers Discuss Gay Views

by Chris Hosmer

Mark Miller, facilitator of the Seacoast Mens Group, and Jerri Kiln, high school worker, spoke openly about their sexuality to the Human Relations and Sociology classes in the library mezzanine, second period, Monday.

The Seacoast Gay Mens Group, according to Miller, meets Monday evenings, and comprises 40 to 60 men, between the ages of 16-60.

Miller said he was 23 years old before he accepted the fact that he was gay. "I feel comfortable about my sexuality now, but it wasn't always that way," he said.

"The topic is usually hard to talk about to the students I work with because I'm afraid of any bad repercussions," said Kiln. "I had a hard time accepting my les-

bianism until I was 24, then I struggled for my self-definition partly because there was nobody to talk to, or give support." She added, "In my opinion, the most emotionally healthy human would be bisexual."

Reaction to the presentation was mixed. Senior Indra Gleske said, "It answered a lot of questions I had about relationships in general. For example, I know now that I don't want to be involved in a gay relationship, but gays are people too."

Home-Ec teacher Anna Nash said, "I thought it was a good presentation. Most of the students learned the value of acceptance for other lifestyles, that is, at least, tolerance without prejudice."

Senior Marci Cronshaw commented, "It left me more informed, but I still wouldn't accept it (homosexuality) as a lifestyle."



Longer Day '86 - '87

by Drew Tognela

The Oyster River High School Board approved a seven period day which will start in the 1986-87 school year at its June 3 meeting.

The current school day is six 50 minute periods, going from 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The additional period would add 35 to 40 minutes to each day when enacted.

Mr. Jones commented on how it will affect the school. "A seven period day would permit us to increase the amount of time teachers have to work individually with students or converse with other teachers."

According to Jones, an extra period would allow students to increase their course options and time for an independent study. Also, the science courses would be able to have a laboratory period without interrupting other classes.

Jones said "A seventh period will provide us with the opportunity to better support the instructional program and individual student work."

Problems associated with the 7 period day are less time for extracurricular activities or a job. Also, a new busing schedule will have to be arranged.

In any event, a seven period day will be enacted during the 1986-87 school year.



Mu Meets

by Alisa Lincoln

On Wednesday, May 15, around 6 PM, Mu Alpha Theta and Math Team members were seen all over Durham, shaking hands with policemen, climbing telephone polls and chasing squirrels. It was all part of the soon to become annual Mu Alpha Theta and Math Team Picnic.

The treasure hunt kicked off a night of games and a barbeque at Mrs. Darien Lauten's house.

Following the supper Craig Rief, president of Mu Alpha Theta, read the chapter's letter of certification. "It was good because we hadn't had any social gatherings lately. It was much better than any meeting in a classroom," said Rief.

Mr. Stoykovich, faculty advisor, was pleased with the evening and thought it was a nice way to 'round out' the year.

Math Team member Jon Chorlian, who climbed 20 feet up a telephone poll and sat in a dinghy at the event, said, "It reminded me of a nice family picnic."



Election Results

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Videos Win Honors

by Eric Horne

Students from Oyster River High School were awarded first through fourth places in The 1985 New England High School Video Competition.

Results were released for the competition Monday, May 20. Over 35 high schools submitted 85 entries in the competition, which is sponsored by Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Massachusetts.

Seniors Andy Deal and Alan Amman received a \$90 first prize in the non-entertainment category for their work entitled, "Gilley's Lunchwagon". Andy Deal also received the \$75 second prize for a piece called, "Family Snapshots".

Alan Amman said, "I was glad Andy and I had the chance to work together on a project like this."

Third place went to the OR SCAN Production group which received \$50.

Bryan Mussulman, a member of SCAN, said, "We put the best four SCAN pieces of the year together into one show. I was really surprised about our placing because there were so many entries."

Seniors Richard Lewis and David Taylor received fourth place of \$45 for their mood piece entitled "December".

"It was fun because I learned a new photography technique and had a good time," said Taylor.

Jan Holmes, hostess of WCVB-TV's New England Sunday, has invited Andy Deal, Alan Amman, and Brendan Cahoon to Boston's Channel Five to edit their pieces together and to appear live on the show in July.

"Winning first and second prize and the fact that I'm attending Boston University next fall will really help me get my foot in the door in the Boston Area," said Andy Deal.

A total of \$900 in cash was awarded to the winning entries. The 3-M Company donated video tape stock to the winning entries.

Skiping Tradition

by Chris Hosmer

Senior Skip Day, seemingly a tradition at OR for some years now, was an event that most of the students of '85 participated in.

It seems that a majority of teachers and some students are against Senior Skip Day.

"Senior Skip Day is illegal, the students are technically cutting. Our previous principal offered students an 'outing day' but the seniors refused," remarked Vice-Principal Neil Shapiro

Musical Talents Join Forces

by Terilee Evans

Oyster River's Gifted and Talented Program gave their first demonstration concert on June 2 at 2:00 in the Oyster River High School Cafeteria.

"The concert was not meant to be a complete performance, it is just a demonstration on the progression of the people involved in the program," said Program Director Cindy Flourde.

The Gifted and Talented Program is in its first year at OR. The School Board provided a \$10,000 for a program like this to be set up. The Music Department received \$2,340.00 to fund this pro-

gram, paying for instrumental and vocal teachers as well as instruments, and music needed.

The program is split up into four categories: vocal, composition, instrumental and conducting. Students were chosen on the recommendation of their music teachers.

"The purpose of the program is to have the teachers and guidance available for the students, and for them to create a responsibility and motivation to use their talent," commented Flourde.

Students involved in the program were Sophomore Dan Singer, conducting a piece from Mozart; Senior Scobie Puchtler, performing a clarinet concerto by Mozart; and a group of middle school students, singing "We Are the World".

When OR Principal Geoffrey Jones was asked to comment, he was quoted as saying, "The school would benefit more from a senior service day. This means that instead of skipping, the students would use the day to help the school in some way."

Mr. Kolbjornson, substitute teacher at OR, commented, "It helps to contribute to the general deterioration of the educational atmosphere in the last few weeks of school."

An anonymous student said, "I realize it's a

tradition, but I don't think it's necessary."

On the other hand, many students want to keep the tradition. "It's great, and none of the teachers business," said Senior Sam Gangwer.

Freshman Pele' Harris said, "I think it's a good idea. I would feel cheated if my class couldn't have it when we become seniors."

According to Senior, Ted German, "It's a valuable necessity for senior class morale."

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Dear Editor:

I am an 18 year old Oyster River student who is soon to graduate. However, I am very disturbed concerning the Graduation Ceremony at our school and am anxious for well-needed changes to take place. At present, the female graduates are dressed in white, while The male graduates are dressed in blue.; the grand-march procession is separated by gender, with white females coming from one direction and blue males from another; and the two lines of graduates which are separated and dressed by gender are arranged by height.

I find the white gowns a blatant gender stamp which is inappropriate, especially at graduation. In no manner up to graduation has Oyster River separated male and female students. Bathrooms and several sports are the only exceptions because of physique. But graduation has nothing to do with physique. Graduation is a day to emphasize the unity of an entire class, not break it up into males and females, dress them differently and have them enter from opposite sides. If Oyster River was an all male school, I wonder

which students would wear white - as the cry for representing both school colors is so strongly advocated - or if white would be worn at all. I am disturbed that my sex determined my robe color and the line of graduates which I will be walking in with. I have spent the last 13 years of academia with close male and female graduates and am embittered at not being able to share this important day with males and females on equal par.

The grand-march loses its grandeur as females come from one direction, males from another. The pure, simple line meets - but does not mix with - the ambitious, determined line. As a Durham resident for 14 years, I have grown up, played and studied with BOTH sexes, and yet I march in a line with one sex only, and meet my male graduates??? I would like to share the ceremony with all classmates.

At Oyster River, the best-looking graduation ceremony has long been adhered to: graduates are arranged by height. Is graduation a time for looks??? I hardly think so. The point of graduation is being pushed aside with pettiness. That the shortest members of the class must go first, whether they want to or not, and the tall graduates must take up the rear,

because it looks good is abominable. I am 5'5" so I am destined to stand between 2 female graduates who are 5'4" and 5'6". Whether I know them well or have any affinity for them is not important; their height is.

These traditions have been carried out for so long that they haven't been questioned, and certainly haven't been altered. But I think the time has come. Oyster River graduates to be, think flagrant sexism which is being perpetuated by the robes, and by the separated march. If the changes aren't made this year, make sure next year. Other high school graduates, take a look at your graduation procedure and ensure that all graduates are equal and are united. Graduation is OUR day, no one can make the changes but ourselves. Take the needed actions to have graduates of both sexes regardless of height, race, or religion unite and share the day of commencement

Jennifer Burley

SADD

by Lizz Stewart

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) sponsored their second assembly of the year on Thursday, May 2, in the ORHS gym.

SADD presented a film entitled "The Last Prom" which portrayed the consequences of drunk driving.

SADD members Sophomore Katie Hosmer and Freshman Penny Swift gave brief speeches, followed by Seniors Amy Walenta and Jenny Burley.

SADD Advisor Beth Kleine said she felt the movie was outdated but it did convey the dangers of driving drunk. She also said that the best part of the presentation was when the students told about their individual experiences.

Walenta spoke of her loss of a friend in a drinking related accident. "If you get into a car when you are drunk," she said, "you are being so selfish."

SADD president Jenny Burley commented on a school in Massachusetts where a large percentage of students belong to SADD. "Everyone as a community has to try," said Burley.

Junior Gary Kustra said of the event, "Maybe it made people think about how bad things can get. It was a pretty graphic description of what could happen."

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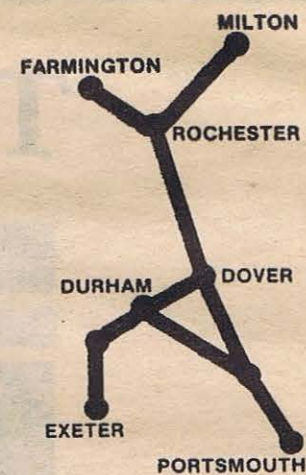
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Iguana Revenge

by Bob Hughes

Jubilation turned to terror yesterday afternoon, when the entire eighth grade class of Oyster River was consumed by genetically deformed iguanas in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

The unexpected ambush upon the students was preceded by a gerbil-roast held by the eighth grade. Leading iguanaologist Nathaniel Slug believed it was the scent of the gerbil-roast that led to the attack. "Spit-roasted gerbil sauteed over an open flame and marinated in a mushroom and white wine sauce can transform a dormant iguana into a frenzied, senseless, and brutal creature. We at the Institute of Iguanaology feel that the reason lies in the marinated mushroom and wine sauce. All we know is that there must have been the presence of that sauce, that is the only reason we can think of."

"You must believe we didn't mean for our entire eighth grade class to be consumed by giant iguanas," said Class Director Kurt Therm. "This was clearly not our intention. Sure, we had marinated gerbils for dinner, but it was really the fault of those rabble-rousers who snuck the wine into the sauce!"

"As soon as the first reports from the White Mountains came," Therm stated, "we alerted the NHAITF (New Hampshire Anti-Iguana Task Force) and they have been most effective; although, right now they are at a standoff in the White Mountains."

NHAITF Capt. Chris Pepper reported, "We were alerted to the scene late Wednesday night, when most of us were at a prelegislative convention with the Youth and Government Organization. I've never seen iguanas so big, so mad, and so ugly. Apparently, the genetic mutations were caused by the disposal of plastic forks and spoons, burned in an incinerator."

"Even we can't seem to kill them," said Pepper, "so we are trying to implant radical ideas into their community by the use of decoys and spies. Hopefully, this will separate them into a number of political factions and maybe we can deal with them in smaller numbers."

Reactions of the tragedy from Durham were mixed.

"I'm psyched!!" said one OR student. "Me too," said a junior. "That means no freshmen next year, yeah!"

One parent commented, "They were boring, and ate too much...It's a good thing."

Up the Creek



Faculty Skip Day

by Bama Bob

An Oyster River High School Principal who wishes to remain anonymous, has announced that June 14 will be "Faculty Skip Day".

"Faculty Skip Day (FSD) is a very secretive matter at this time, and that is why I wish to remain anonymous," said Jones. Although the day may be lightly contested by a few malcontent students, the faculty seems to be in unison on the issue, "I think it's a great idea," says Principal Jones, "these teachers have done a great job in bringing up this class for four long

years, and I think that an extra day off would be a perfect reward."

Some of the opposition stems from the fact that "FSD" falls on the same day as Graduation. "Hey, that's not my problem," says Jones. "It's not like we're not giving them their diplomas. We will leave all the diplomas with the custodians, and any student desiring his or her diploma can pick it up from them. I don't see the problem, we've worked pretty hard all year."

One teacher, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "The beach...it's like, I gotta be there."

Broadway

by Lisa Simmons

The Oyster River High School Drama Club's annual variety show, The Broadway Review, was performed May 23 and 24 as a dinner theater.

Twenty scenes and songs from various musicals and plays were performed by a troupe of students who chose and directed the acts themselves. ORHS English Teacher Richard Tappan and Choral Director Steve Denson served as advisors and organizers for the production.

Tappan commented, "I

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was very pleased with the show, I think it was a good way to end the year."

Numbers for the show were taken from many well-known musicals including "My Fair Lady", "Damn Yankee" and "Camelot"

During the two 15 minute intermissions, members of the troupe served refreshments to the audience while Senior Leanne Findell provided musical entertainment.

Profits from the performance, according to Tappan, totaled about \$150, which will be used to cover the costs of the performance.

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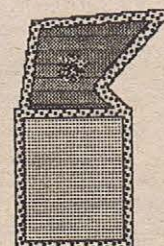
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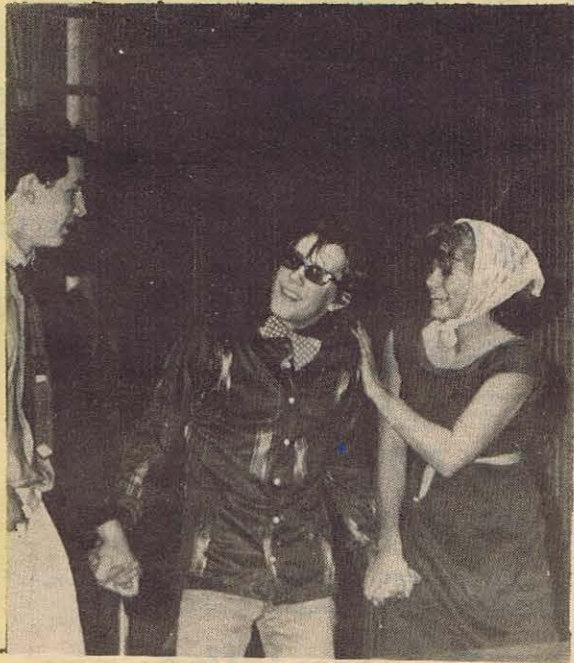
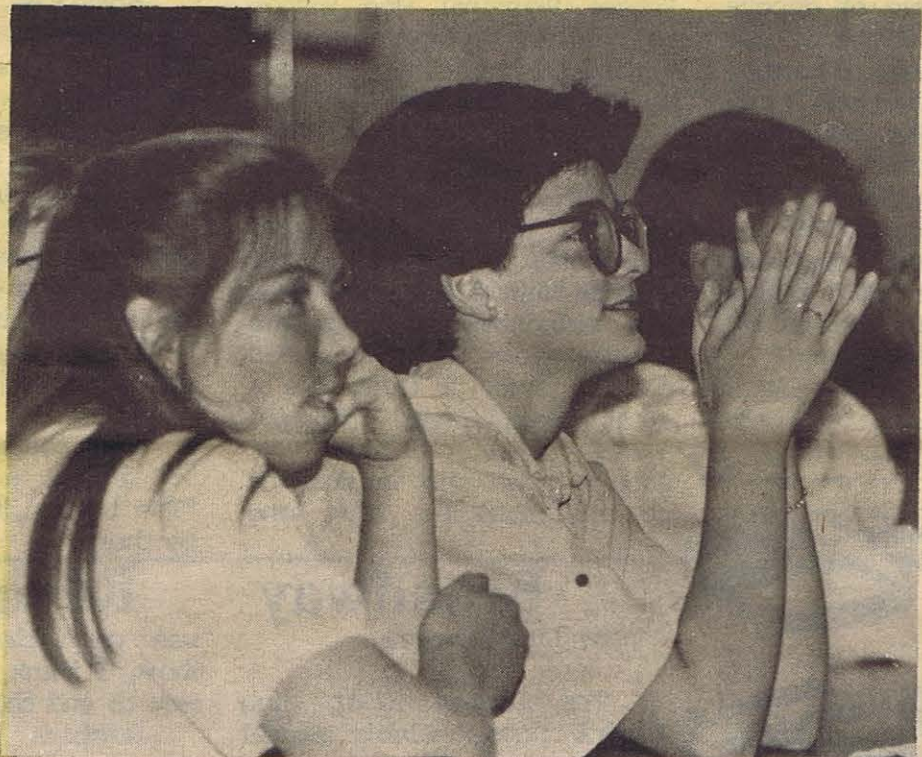


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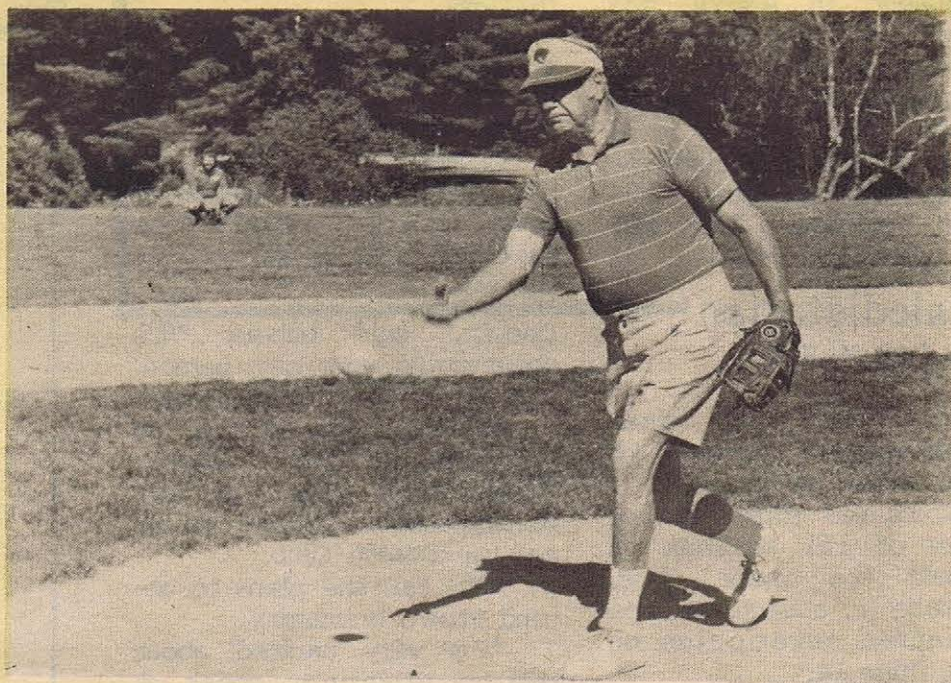
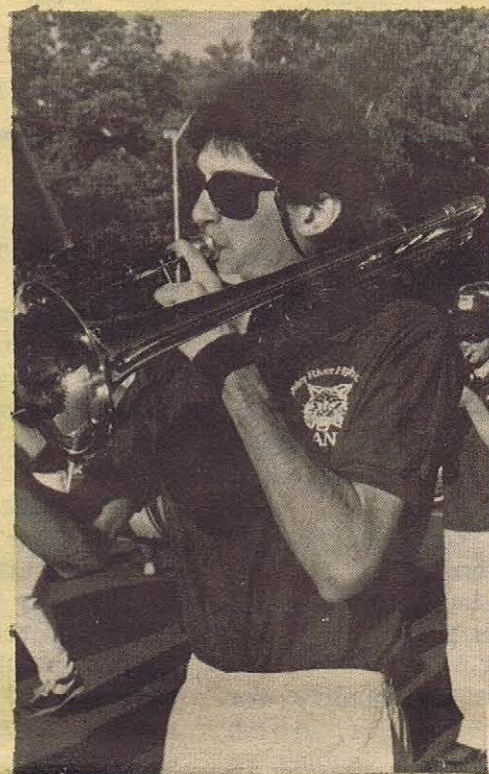
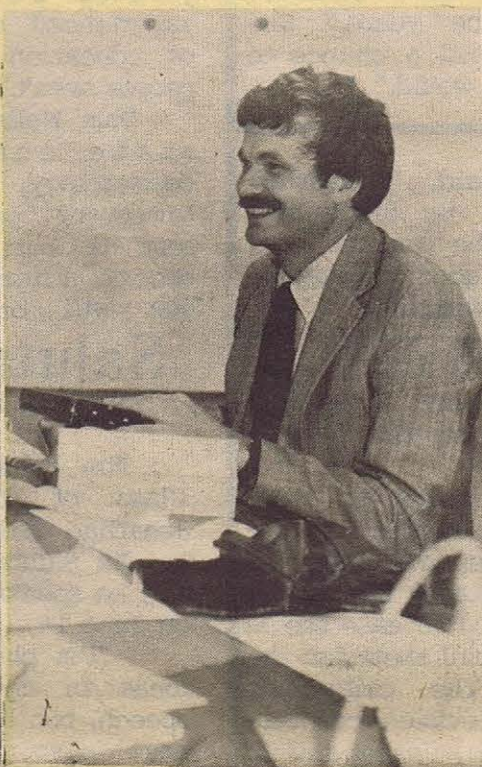
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St. Jean and Goding Finalists

by Lizz Stewart

Fifty contestants assembled at the Concord Highway Hotel to compete in the 14th annual Miss New Hampshire Teenage America Contest on Friday, May 17.

There was a dual competition for the title of queen and for the winner of the talent contest.

Oyster River High School Senior Monica St. Jean won first place in the talent competition. Fifteen minute interviews, stage presentations and performances were the basis of the competition.

St. Jean performed, on a 12 string guitar, a piece she composed entitled "Think of Me (Navy Boy)".

by Lisa Simmons

Oyster River High School Sophomore Sarah Goding was awarded first runner-up for the title of Miss New Hampshire U.S. Teen.

The thirteen semi-finalists competed May 11 and 12 at the Radison Hotel in Burlington, Vermont.

"It was hard work," commented Goding, "but I had a fantastic time representing Oyster River High School and the seacoast."

In order to qualify for the semi-finals, each applicant had to submit a short essay, a summary of her involvement in school and community, along with the application and photos.

During competition, contestants were judged in a variety of areas, including scholastic achievement, volunteer service, interview skills, talent and poise.

Valedictorian

by Tom McBride

Oyster River High School has chosen Demi Dubois to be the Valedictorian for 1985.

Dubois was chosen out of a class of 121 students to represent the senior class, and make a speech at the graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 14.

"I have chosen to base my speech on a poem by Kate

To become a contestant St. Jean submitted an application which summarized her services, achievements, grades, and honors.

St. Jean said, "You wait and see if your application is chosen out of the 800 received, and then you are a finalist."

As a result, St. Jean will receive a \$4000 tuition scholarship, to be distributed over a four year period, to Milliken University in Decatur, Illinois.

St. Jean said that the contest made her "aware of how much I have achieved throughout the years." She added, "If I had a chance to do it again, I would." 

Goding said, "I learned about myself, my family and my friends. The pageant gave me a lot of good experience involving competition."

The prizes awarded to Goding included \$200 in cash, a tierra, a banner, a modeling scholarship, trophies and a plaque.

As first runner-up, Goding has the obligation to accept the responsibilities of the winner, (Kathy Lou Moran of Salem, N.H.) in case she is unable to fulfill them for the entire year. The obligations include a television commercial, various appearances, and attendance at fairs and parades.

Goding said she hopes to attend the pageant next year as well as continuing to do more modeling.

"I met a lot of great people, and I had a wonderful time," stated Goding "I hope next year will be as good as this one was." 

Chopin," said Dubois. "It's about being your own person, and not following the crowd."

Dubois, who served as president of the Student Council this year, has also participated in varsity soccer and the French Club.

This fall she plans to attend Brown University.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity to speak at graduation," Dubois said. "It is a great honor." 

Dover Success Story

by Kirk Sim and Alisa Lincoln

There are four Oyster River seniors who took advantage of the programs at Dover Vocational and now enter the job market with marketable experience.

They are Dale Wells, Kate Piper, Joe Stewart and Kirk Sim.

Roger Hall, Oyster River Guidance Counselor, said, "I'm very pleased with the accomplishments of these young people. They experienced a whole aspect of education that a lot of people aren't aware of."

Dale Wells, winner of the state competition in cosmetology, already has her temporary permit and has sent in her application to become a licensed beautician. She will be traveling to

Salutatorian

by Alisa Lincoln

The Salutatorian for the Class of 1985 is Senior Jonathan Andrew Chorlian.

As Salutatorian, Chorlian will be speaking at graduation on June 14.

"I'm playing with many ideas in my mind for the speech, but because the audience is so diverse I find it hard to come up with a subject that everyone would honestly care about." 

Arizona to compete in the National Competition on June 26.

Kate Piper has also applied for her temporary permit and also hopes to continue in the field. "There are a lot of places around that I would like to work at. One of them is '210' in Portsmouth."

Joe Stewart will be joining Wells in Arizona as State Machine Shop Champion. "I feel the machine shop program is good and I learned a lot from it."

Kirk Sim participated in the culinary program. "I'm planning to go on and learn about gourmet cooking and, hopefully, in the future, own my own restaurant."

All students spend part of each day at the Dover Vocational School for a period of two or three years.

Hall said, "These students are leaving high school with something they can call their own. It is an entry level skill to the world of work" 

Along with obtaining the second highest grade point average in his class, Chorlian also played varsity soccer and tennis. He was also a member of the math team.

"Oyster River? I think it's a great school!! I have not in my four years come across anyone who couldn't get what they wanted here."

Chorlian will be attending Harvard University next year and hopes to study engineering. 

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Boys Run for Their Lives

by BJ Anderson

At the N.H. State Meet on June 1 Junior Bill Lockhart and Sophomore Gregg Tripp qualified to compete in the New England Regional Competition at Boston College on June 8th.

Lockhart qualified in the 300 meter hurdles with a second place time of 41.2 seconds. Tripp advanced by placing fourth in the 400 meter sprint with a time of 51.2 seconds.

Tripp said "It was windy

last Saturday in Salem and the competition was stiff. It wasn't my best but I'm glad I got this far."

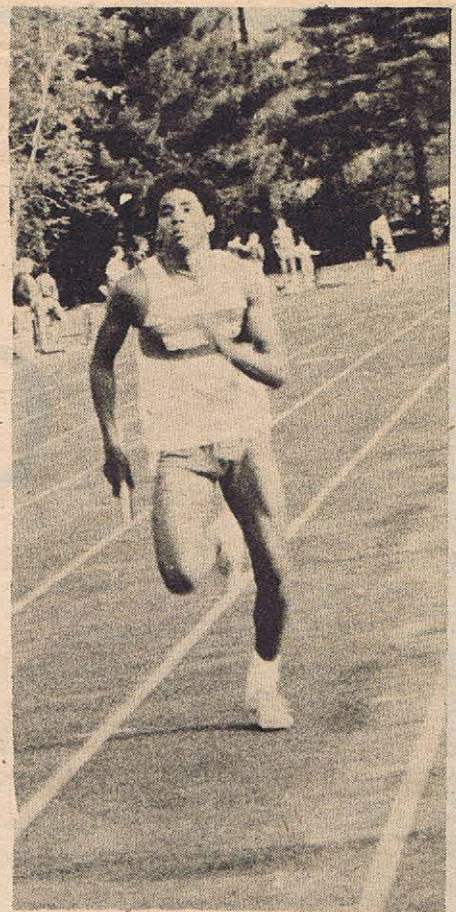
The other boys that competed at the state meet were Juniors Sean Cox and Scott Hartzell and Sophomore Howie Howard. Both Cox and Howard competed in the high jump but were knocked out of the competition early due to injuries. Hartzell threw the discus well, missing sixth place by only 11 inches.

For a person to qualify for the New England Competition, he/she must finish in the top four at the

class meet in order to compete in the state meet. The top six at the state meet then advance to the New England's.

Lockhart said, "We should have depth and experience next season as the five people who qualified for the state meet will return."

Coach Rich Hinkle said, "I'm very satisfied with the way the team has performed as a whole this season and the fact that seven out of twenty one competed in class is great. The best part is that they will all be back next year." 🐾



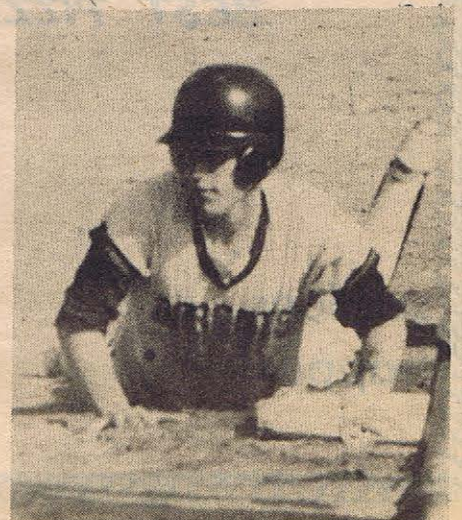
Greg Trip completing the 4x400 meter relay in the Hanover Invitational (Reeves Photo).

"We also hope to have a representative from our team at the Sports Festival, which is an event for those who do not make it to the Worlds. This would mean an all expense paid week in New Orleans," according to Senior Keith Routly.

In the Stoatsbury Ragatta in Philadelphia on May 15 through 17 the Durham Boat Club placed well. In the Junior Doubles Peter Beckman and Chris Warren took first place while in the Senior Doubles Mark Riddle and Scott Bogle took second. In the Senior Singles Captain Keith Routly took third.

The team practices twice a day during the months of May and June. "What we practice is endurance. We don't try to keep up with others and pass them when they hit the wall," Routly stated. 🐾

"That's about as close as you can get without actually qualifying. Even after the St. Thomas game, we still thought there was a good shot that we would get there. When the final results came in, it was a real letdown." Next year, OR's predominately junior team will be seniors, and it is then that the team hopes to do best. 🐾



Crew Victorious

by Stephen Libby

The Durham Boat Club has been kept busy this month with a regatta every weekend since the beginning of May.

"All of the regatta's and all of our practice will hopefully prepare us for the National Championship in Oakridge, Tennessee in the end of June," said Coach Colleen Dreher. "I think we have a good chance of making it," she added.

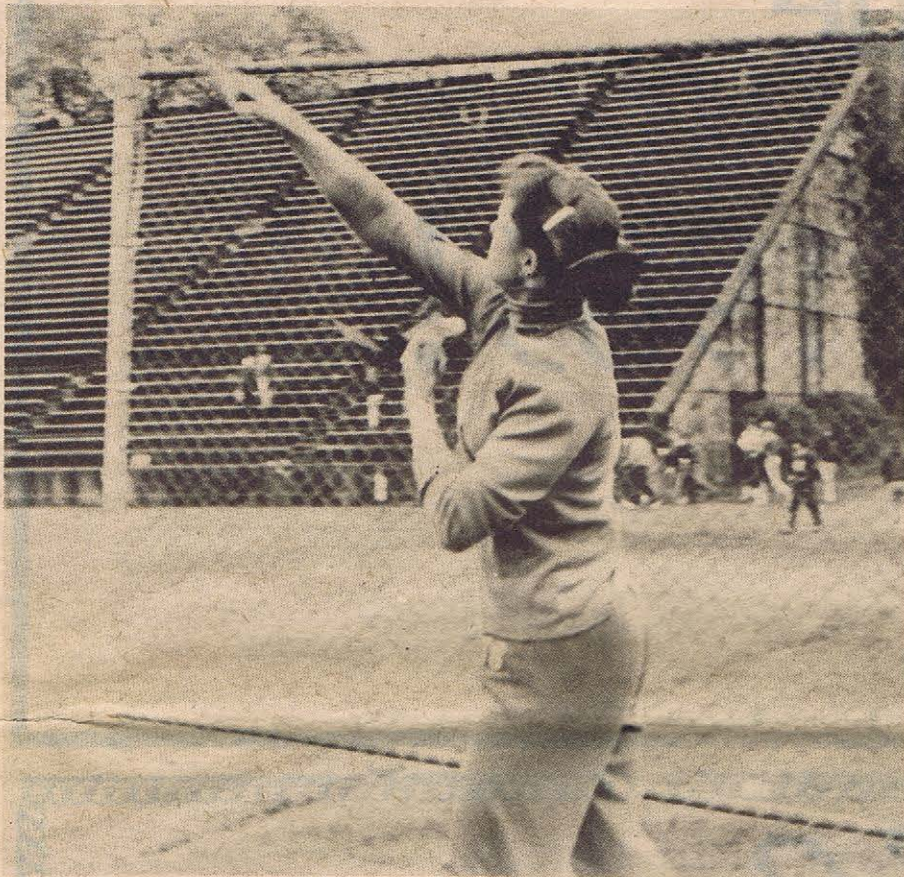
Tournament Escapes OR Baseball

by Bob Hughes

The Oyster River Varsity Baseball team ended it's 1985 season with a 7-2 loss against St. Thomas Aquinas High School on Saturday, May 25. The defeat under St. Thomas dashed OR's hopes for eligibility in the state tournaments. Oyster River's record wound up with 9 wins and 8 losses. "It was just barely under what we needed," said Junior Steve West, "If we had won just one of the games that we lost, we would have made it."

In order to qualify for tournament competition, Oyster River needed to place among the top 12 teams in their Class "T" division. The loss against the Saints cemented OR's position at 13th place.

"We missed the tournament by 2/10 of a point," remarked Senior Tom Cuniff,



Krisanne Bothner throws her disc in the Hanover Invitational placing fourth overall (Reeves Photo).

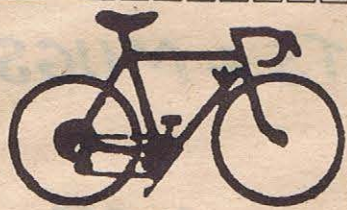
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Coin Flips OR

by Jim Valenza

The Oyster River Boys' Tennis Team finished out the season with a strong 13-1 record, good enough for the second spot in the seacoast.

OR's only loss came to Dover, the eventual seacoast champs.

"I'm quite satisfied with the season," said Head Coach Peggy Hylton. "Everyone had an opportunity to play," Hylton added, "and they all played well."

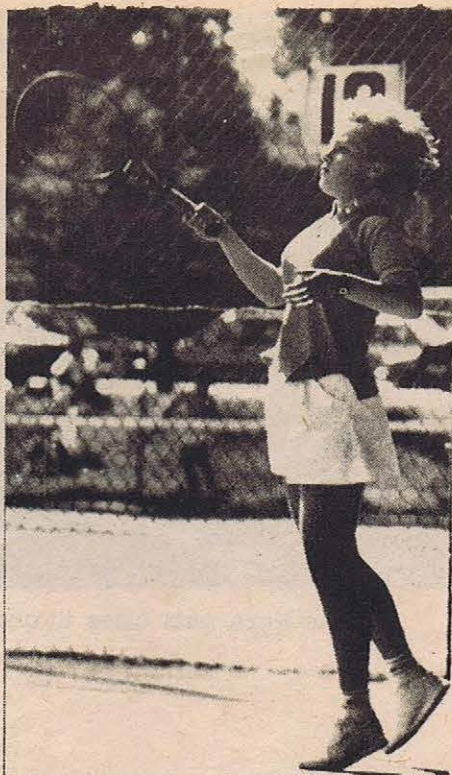
As defending seacoast champs, OR entered the season with the same team that won the title last year. There was only one addition and one subtraction.

"I don't think there was much pressure on the team to defend the title," said Hylton, "just a question of confidence and execution."

The top six seeds did the bulk of the playing. In order from 1-6 Junior Gavin O'Connell, Sophomore Jon Shar, Seniors Sam Meeker, Drew Tognella, and Tom McBride and Junior Guy Swanson all had winning individual records.

During matches that OR was winning by wide margins, or when the top seeds were not present, the later seeds were ready to play.

"This is the first time



Debbie Matusow swats the ball over the net in a recent game (Loder Photo).

that I've been able to have all five kids play," according to Hylton.

"Since we did so well with everyone contributing to the cause," said McBride, "it shows how much depth this team has."

"We had the same team as last year. We had great expectations," Hylton continued, "we just hit some stumbling blocks."

"Yes, I guess you could say we had a disappointing year," said Shar, "but we could do well next season."

Girls Tennis on Short End of Finals

by: Drew Tognella

The Oyster River Girls Varsity Tennis Team finished their '85 season with a 12-1, and a 15-2 tournament record losing to Concord High School in the State Team Final.

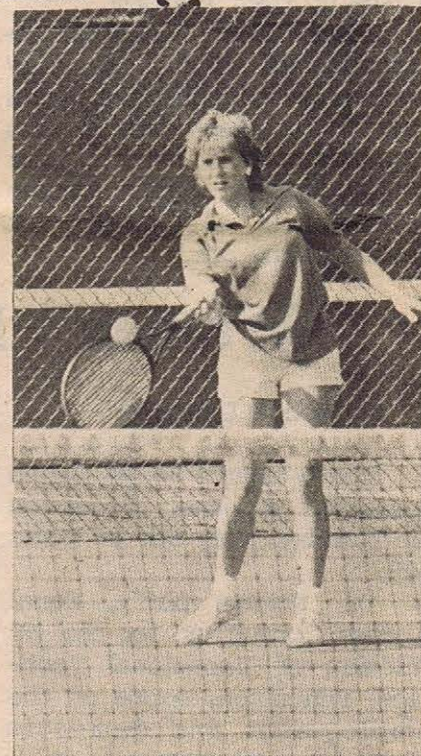
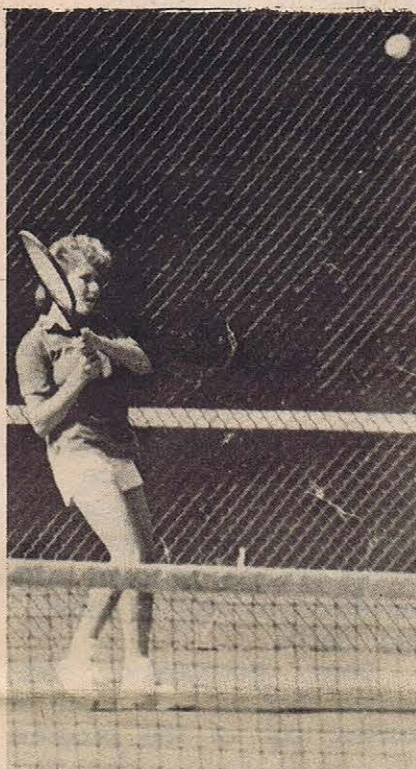
In the State Team Final 5-4 with Concord, both Sophomores Daryl Arrighi and Karen Rogers won singles, while Arrighi, Junior Jo Michel, Rogers, and Junior Mary Kleine won doubles. They beat Laconia in the

semifinals 6-1, which was cut short by rain. In the quarters they beat Kennett 8-1 and in the preliminaries Hanover 8-1.

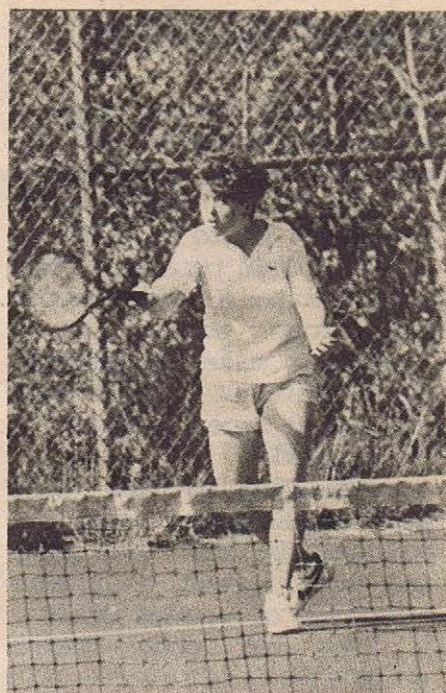
The top six seeds on this year's team were Sophomore Debbie Matusow, Daryl Arrighi, Karen Rogers, Juniors Jo Michel, Mary Kleine, and Senior Kathy Lauten.

Through the season, OR beat Spaulding 8-1 and 9-0 by default. Sommersworth fell twice to the Bobcats 9-0. Dover seemed to be the Bobcats toughest seacoast team, splitting the matches 4-5 and 5-4. Mt. Saint Mary, Exeter, Winnacunnet, and Portsmouth all fell to the Bobcats finishing the season as Seacoast Champions.

OR Girls Tennis Coach Carol Haaland said that this years team wasn't as strong as last years, but was very competitive. "They (the team) were all very supportive. I'm happy with this years team. We have a lot of young talent."



Upper-left- Mary Kleine in the State Match (Gillispi Photo). Lower-left- Cathy Lauten coming to the net. Above Matusow returns a hit (Taylor Photo).



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Che-Lu

By Dave Taylor

A group of eight students sit in a semi-circle with legs crossed. Each wears a brilliant colored belt that stands out against the black gi that makes up their uniform.

Sensei Karl Koza is explaining to them that they will be promoted today. Koza says to his class, "White belts are designed to hold up your pants; getting your yellow belt is one of the hardest stages of the art."

Koza directs Ben Corrow, Rob Stevens, Dave Hutchinson and Dan Wittner to stand. Each student has his diploma placed before him.

Che-Lu is one of the many arts taught at the Mill Pond Center in Durham.

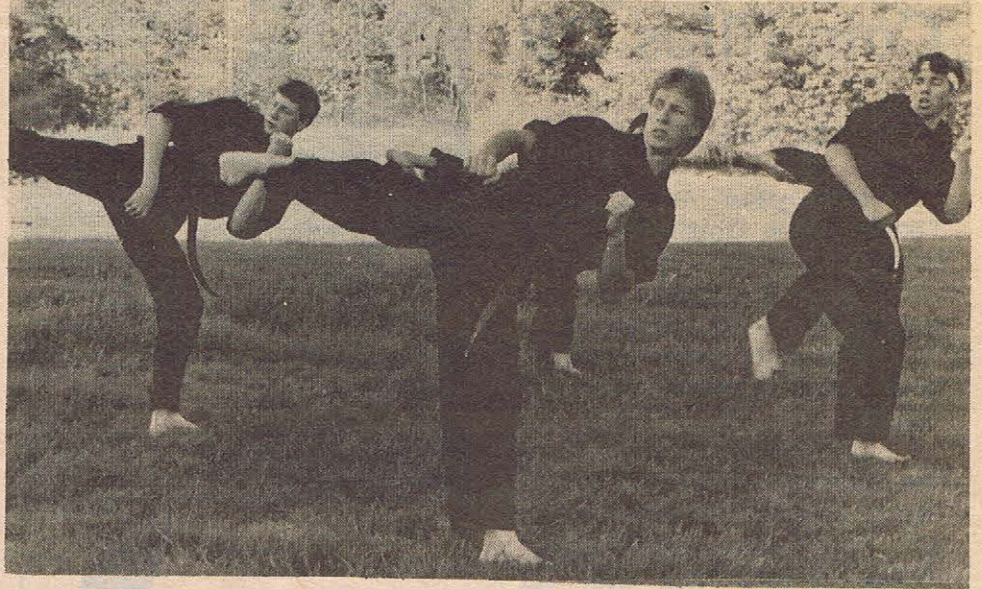
Seniors Andy Corrow, Dave Hutchinson; Juniors Rob Stevens, Dan Wittner, Pat Keefe, Chris Parks; Sophomores Ben Corrow, Scott Hutchinson, Thatcher Ulrich; and 8th grader Dave Hutchinson attend class every Monday and Wednesday for 2 hours of vigorous activity.

The first half hour of class consists of stretching exercises, while the remainder of the class is spent working on punching, kicking and blocking techniques.

Sensei Koza has been teaching Che-Lu for 4 years at the Mill Pond Center, which is his first school. He admitted that he doesn't teach for the money, but the satisfaction he gets out of seeing progress in a class. "I expect my students to become good people, and put the effort they use here into the rest of their lives," stated Koza.

"I gained a new family, satisfaction, confidence and understanding of myself as well as others. I've also learned to respect hard work and effort as well as ability," said Parks.

Dave Hutchinson commented that he "got a lot of bruises" out of the program



Sensei Koza puts class through workout. (Taylor photo)

along with confidence and a good feeling.

Chris Parks removes the white belts from each student's waist and drapes it around their necks. The new yellow belts are placed over the old white. Sensei Koza follows Parks down the line and ties each new belt around its owner's waist. Each step of the belting ends with a hug and a bow. When all is complete the rest of the class honors the students' new rank.

Dave Hutchinson and continued from page 1

Ivette Perez; Juniors Chris Balser, Sue Mundy, Rich Wulfrum; Sophomores Morgan Brown and Esme Hurley.

OR presented three papers at the conference. The first was given by Sophomore Esme Hurley and was titled "A Student Run Planetarium." The talk gave an overview of the achievements and goals of ORP. "It was a once in a life time chance to give ourselves a head start in life," commented Hurley.

Dave Taylor presented the second paper called "A Real Neat Device" which consisted of the demonstration and explanation of a projector, built by Taylor, that simulates the death of a star.

The final presentation "A Poetic Twilight" was a joint effort by Senior Melanie Amarosa and Sophomore Morgan Brown. Amarosa was responsible for writing and editing the piece and Brown narrated it. "It pleased me that people enjoyed what I had written. I felt like I had done something worth while," stated Amarosa.

Morgan Brown's response was, "the entire trip was an invaluable educational experience."

Planetarium advisor Eleanor Milliken reflected, "It was one of the best I have ever taken with students; I was proud."

"You kids did a really outstanding job" was the Hayden Planetarium's Julio

Scott Hutchinson were called forward next to receive their green belts. They were followed by Andy Corrow and Thatcher Ulrich, who received their purple belts.

Koza explained, "The brown is a head belt; a person has all the abilities of a black belt but has to get his head together." He then presented Pat Keefe with his brown belt.

In closing the ceremony Sensei Karl Koza said, "Know that I have faith in you and keep trying." 🐾

Moreno's comment.

Along with many papers at the conference there were other activities such as planetarium shows, laser shows, tours, parties, and dinners. The final night of the conference featured a banquet and a lecture by Professor Owen Gingeret of Harvard University.

According to the students of ORP, the trip was a huge success!

Chris Balser stated, "We learned a lot about ourselves and each other on the trip and we became better friends."

"Eventually, even the clouds are free from light. Overhead the sky ranges from the dark blue East to the light blue west. In between East and West ranges every shade of blue, unique only to the heavens, no painter, no matter how magical his palette, could represent the shades of blue the way twilight can with all of her magic and mystical piece. She settles over the land and like a cool breeze..."

The presentation ended with a starfield and Pachelbel's Kannon reached its quiet climax. The audience remained silent after the music faded. Host Clarke asked if there were any comments. There was only one. An unknown person commented, "What can you say after that?" The audience applauded. 🐾

Women's Issues Active

by Donna LaRoche

The Women's Issues Group sponsored a panel discussion on Tuesday, May 8th in Room 109.

Dr. Nishma Duffy, Equal Access Consultant for the NH Division of Vocational Technical Education, spoke on the employment and domestic obstacles most women face.

"Women's issues are not dead," stated Dr. Duffy. "We are still hoping for equality in work, better childcare, and an end to discrimination."

Dr. Duffy emphasized the fact that 80% of women work for under \$10,000 a year, and secure such typical roles as nurses, teachers, and secretaries.

"The criminal aspect of this society," explained Dr. Duffy, "is that it doesn't let the girls enter into more male oriented fields, and there's always more pressure on men to succeed than women."

The speaker session was just one of the many events sponsored by the Women's Issues Group since its creation earlier this year. Other events included a screening of the film "Killing Us Softly", a movie depicting

female exploitation, and a series of discussions and reports at OR and UNH during Womens History Week, which was March 1st to the 13th.

"The main purpose of this group," stated English teacher and group advisor Emma Rous, "is to make the students more aware of the problems we women face. It needs to be explored."

According to Mrs. Rous more students are being encouraged to join the group and help spread a greater awareness of womens issues.

"We not only discuss womens issues," said Rous, "but we talk about things concerning men and women, and there's an even mixture of boys and girls in the discussion."

The group's last meeting began with a videotape on Women's Literature teacher Elizabeth Whaley, who recently appeared on the McNeil-Lehrer Report on PBS. The videotape was followed by a short discussion on abortion. The group also made plans for more speaker presentations for next year and a possible election of officers. 🐾

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